

# Sustainable Water Management Initiative Technical Subcommittee

Presentation Title: Streamflow Criteria and Recommendations to  
Prevent Backsliding

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# Stream Flow Criteria and Recommendations to Prevent Backsliding

# Flow Criteria:

Alteration Level	August	October	January	April
1	<5%	5%	5%	5%
2	<15%	5%	5%	5%
3	<35%	15%	15%	15%
4	Feasible Mitigation and Improvement			
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# Criteria Narrative

- Existing public water supplies with alteration levels higher than those on the chart will be required to maintain and where feasible improve their flow level
- Major surface water supplies will be evaluated through a separate annual metric
- WMA permitting and backsliding prevention rules will be strictest for:
  - Requests for increases in system volume
  - Activities in areas of high ecological value

	Recommendations to prevent backsliding**	
Biological Category	No Movement Down	Stay Within Biological Category & Flow Level or Improve
1	X	
2		X
3		X
4		X
5		X

\*\*See handout